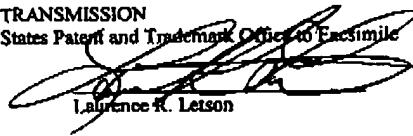


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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified patent application as indicated below:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 7, first complete paragraph, please substitute the following:

Flange 24 or base member 24 is a part of, attached to, or supported by slide block 28. Thus,  
flange 24 or base member 24 and clamp 22 move with slide block 28.